LO section maintains stealth



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Alexandra M. Boutte

Senior Airman Kyle Miller, 509th Maintenance Squadron B-2 Spirit LO structural maintenance technician, repairs the external coating on the B-2 July 8. More than 200 personnel, to include Department of Defense civilians, contract civilians, 131st Bomb Wing and 509th Bomb Wing Airmen design, repair, modify and fabricate the B-2 and T-38 Talon aircraft specific parts. See Page 5 for story and more photos.

Whiteman members save AF thousands with IDEA program

By Airman 1st Class Montse Ramirez

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Mikel Petersen, 509th Maintenance Squadron loading standardization crew chief, was a winner of \$10,000 for his proposal to the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program here.

The IDEA program encourages Airmen and Department of Defense civilians to submit proposals which can benefit the Air Force and save time and money.

The Air Force Global Strike Command member's idea was to apply an obvious identifier, paint, to a lanyard that is installed on GBU-31 joint direct attack munitions. Previously, it was difficult to verify if the lanyard was installed properly.

"During an exercise, a bomb didn't

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President calls for balanced defense spending cuts

By Terri Moon Cronk American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Though he is committed to cutting the Defense Department budget as part of the overall reduction in the federal deficit, U.S. security and strategic needs must drive the effort, President Barack Obama said June 6 in his first Twitter town hall meeting.

Obama said he conducted the meeting to find out what the public thinks about how to reduce the federal deficit, what costs should be cut and which investments should be kept.

Responding to suggestions for cuts in the defense budget, the president said that is not

"We can't simply lop off 25 percent off the defense budget overnight," he said. "We have to think about all the obligations we have to

our troops who are in the field, making sure they're properly equipped and safe." The need to replace outdated military equipment is another budget consideration,

the president added.

"We've ended the war in Iraq, our combat mission there, and all our troops are slated to be out by the end of this year," Obama said.

And as Afghan forces take more responsibility for their country's security, he added, U.S. forces will draw down there as well.

But drawing down forces and beginning a new phase in Afghanistan must be done "fairly gradually," he said.

Obama said that while decisions to cut defense spending will be tough, a reduction requires a balanced approach, as with any government program, to shrink the overall federal budget.

"Those who say that we can't cut the military at all haven't spent a lot of time looking at military budgets," he added.

However, the president said, the reductions must take place with the nation's security in mind.

"One of the things that we have to do is make sure that we do it in a thoughtful way that's guided by our security and our strategic needs," he said. "And I think we can accomplish that."

Highway 23 Construction

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Construction on Highway 23 is scheduled to begin Monday and will impact the Spirit and LeMay Gates at various times for approximately one week. MoDOT has awarded a contract that will overlay Highway 23 and will widen the area in front of the Spirit Gate. This will allow for a double left turn lane and traffic heading south can continue to flow. Crews are scheduled to begin work at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. and then start again after traffic has subsided, continuing until dark. During the work periods, it is encouraged to use the Arnold Gate. The contractor will use standard traffic control for this type of work and Team Whiteman is asked to follow guidance and

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With NASA's final shuttle launch, JTF-STS wraps up its historic mission

By Navy Capt. James Hineline JTF-STS commander

CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION, Fla. (AFNS) -- July 8 marked an important day in history as the world watched Space Shuttle Atlantis launch over Florida's space coast for its final voyage, bringing NASA's crewed space shuttle program to an end.

If you've followed NASA's space shuttle program, you are aware of the inherent dangers that can come with space exploration.

This is where Joint Task Force-Space Transportation System, or JTF-STS, comes in. Acting primarily in a support role to NASA, JTF members plan, support and conduct search, rescue, medical evacuation and recovery operations of the astronauts and shuttle in the unlikely event of an emergency. With C-130 Hercules airplanes and HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters pre-positioned prior to a shuttle launch, we are prepared to initiate search and rescue operations instantaneously, should NASA officials request our assistance.

The JTF also supports NASA's alternate

landing sites at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., and White Sands Missile Range, N.M., by providing medical evacuation and emergency personnel transportation capabilities during consequence management operations.

Reporting to U.S. Northern Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., the JTF is composed primarily of Air Forces Northern personnel based at Tyndall AFB, Fla. But don't let the name Air Forces Northern fool you; JTF-STS truly is 'joint' in every sense of the word. Each branch of military is represented in some capacity either during launch or landing operations.

HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters with pararescuemen onboard are prepared to conduct search and rescue operations should the need arise. The Marines provide one of the C-130 aircraft and crews that refuel the helicopters.

Our Navy and Coast Guard brethren have JTF liaison officers who work on a specialized search and rescue team, led by a US-NORTHCOM federal civilian, whose job it is to compute parachute and water drift providing a more accurate projected search area. By monitoring the ship activity of Navy and

Coast Guard vessels in the area, these liaison officers advise me of what assets are nearby to support rescue efforts.

During landing operations, Army personnel assigned to the JTF pre-position UH-60 Black Hawk and UH-1 Iroquois helicopters around the landing site and are prepared to conduct SAR operations as required.

Air Force rescue units make up the rest of the flight crew, and Air Force personnel on the JTF perform a host of other duties, including personnel, operations, logistics, communications, public affairs, common operating picture manager and a medical expert, along with several liaison officers from various specialties.

The launch of Atlantis not only marks the 33rd and final flight for the space shuttle program, but also the final mission for JTF-STS.

As NASA's space shuttle program comes to an end, I reflect on the opportunities my military career has granted me, opportunities such as this, to be a part of American history. It has been my honor to serve as the JTF-STS commander. Good luck and Godspeed to Atlantis and the STS-135 crew

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A Whiteman spouse perception

By Stephanie Ruggeiro

In the past when I attended events as a spouse going through a deployment I always wished there was a way to talk about the elephant in the room. I wondered, "Is anyone else lonely like I am?" Does anyone else worry terribly about their children? Is anyone else nervous about what this separation is doing to their marriage? It always seemed like the options were to talk to a counselor (which just made my problems seem even bigger and more severe than they were) or keep quiet. I chose the "keep quiet" method, but to hear a group of spouses at a recent Heart's Apart event admit we all have the same problems and struggles was awesome.

I think the support group is the missing piece of the puzzle for military spouses. The military gives us tons of literature to read about deployments, and we have several options for professional counseling.

I don't need to talk to a counselor when I hear everyone else feels, worries and struggles the same. Instantly I am relieved. Instantly I feel much better and stronger.

In the past, when I have shared that I'm struggling, (not at a Hearts Apart event) I have been given the old "be positive" speech. Or the old, "at least you don't have to share the remote" or "I've done it so many times I don't even care anymore" speech. Every person has a right to his or her own coping strategy,

but none of these are helpful for me. In fact they make me mad, even now when my husband isn't deployed. I need to vent, get teary-eyed, admit I'm having a hard time, hear someone else do the same and suddenly there is strength in not being alone. Then, I can pull myself up by my bootstraps and soldier-on better than before

That is how I do it, and when the message is, "Oh, don't be sad, look on the bright side," it makes me angry and keeps me stuck feeling alone - like I'm the only one who can't do this deployment thing "right."

I think some people get the idea that if someone says they are struggling, sad and worried, then they haven't accepted that these deployments are inevitable. Additionally, he or she isn't providing a safe and predictable home for their children.

Being a bit sad, worried and stressed is so normal when you are a single parent. I don't really understand why it's looked at as an ineffective way to handle things. I do a great job with my children - is it so wrong that for a few moments when they aren't around I want to crack a bit and be honest about how I'm really feeling and get emotional support? I think it is totally normal.

I love the idea of Hearts Apart becoming a place where this is encouraged. However, I would contact someone if I felt like there was more than just a normal amount of stress, worry and

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Commander's Corner

Team Whiteman,

Last week the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, issued his 2011 'Vector,' in which he discussed the strategic environment and challenges facing today's Air Force. While I recommend all Airmen take the time to read the Vector so they understand our chief's intent and the strategic direction of our service, there were a few parts in particular I wanted to highlight as being especially relevant to the men and women of the 509th and 131st Bomb Wings.



In his Vector, the chief discusses the five priorities he and Secretary Michael Donley articulated when they took office. The first of those priorities was – and remains – to continue to strengthen the nuclear enterprise.

Last year, the chief noted, the Air Force stood up Global Strike Command, the new Major Command

to which we belong. Already the command has been exercised in the first Global Strike Challenge (in which, incidentally, Team Whiteman won the Fairchild trophy for Best Bomb Wing), as well as in real world operations in Libya.

Over the next year, the chief has pledged the Air Force to continue strengthening the nuclear enterprise to provide our nation with a safe, secure and effective nuclear capability. We will support the implementation of the New START treaty, revitalize thinking within the Air Force about crisis stability and 21st century deterrence dynamics, and continue to evaluate our nuclear command and control requirements and capabilities.

Much has been done to improve the nuclear enterprise, but much remains as well. Our wings will lead the way in this initiative, as we have led the way in combat for so long.

Finally, if you've noticed the clock flying this week, it's because we generated and flew more combat power this week than has ever been done in the history of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman. Congratulations for a job well done!

Defensor Vindex.

-Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm Commander **News**

NEWS BRIEFS

All-Star Football game

The University of Central Missouri is scheduled to hold an All-Star Football game in recognition of the Honorable Ike Skelton at Walton Stadium Saturday. Gates open at 5 p.m. and kick-off is at 7:30 p.m. Tech. Sgt. Phillip Fleming, 509th Bomb Wing curator, (deployed), will be recognized during the festivities. Free admission with active-duty military ID. Children under 12 are free.

Spirit static display dates

A B-2 Spirit is scheduled to be on display at Base Operations from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., today, Aug. 5 and Aug. 20, allowing members of Team Whiteman to bring their families to see the aircraft. Static displays are weather-permitting and members are responsible for their guests while on the flightline. Security Forces will be on post and can answer questions about regulations and cameras are not allowed. The aircraft will be roped off and patrons cannot enter restricted areas. For questions, contact public affairs at (660) 687-6121.

Commissary temporarily closed for store reset

The Commissary is scheduled to do a total store reset and will be closed 5 p.m., Sunday and will reopen at 8 a.m., Wednesday. For questions, call (660) 687-5655.

July is UV awareness month

July is UV awareness month and as part of the month, the Health and Wellness Center is providing a free sample of sunscreen, SPF 30, (one per family). Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the U.S and in 2007, 58,094 people were diagnosed with melanomas of the skin, and 8,461 people died from it, according to the Center for Disease Control. When in the sun, seek shade, cover up, get a hat, wear sunglasses and use sunscreen. Contact the HAWC for more information (660) 687-7662.

Missouri State Fair

Missouri State Fair's Military Appreciation Day is Aug. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Mathewson Exhibition Center in Sedalia, Mo. All military members receive free admission to the Missouri State Fair and the cost for family members is \$1. For more information visit www.mda.mo.gov or contact the Missouri Department of Agriculture (573) 751-4211.

2011-2012 school year new start times

Whiteman and Knob Noster Elementary Schools new start times for the 2011-2012 school year begins Aug. 23. The school day is scheduled to begin at 8:10 a.m. Students arriving after that time will be counted as tardy. The buildings are scheduled to open at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast will be served 7:30-8 a.m. Contact Heidi Mackey at (660) 563-3028 for more information.

Missouri Army and Air National Guard combine efforts to save levees



U.S. Army photo by Specialist Jacqueline Courtney

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Even though the waters still pose a threat to the area, they seem to be under control.

Guard members and community members filled sandbags and built walls while residents transported sandbags back and forth at Belcher-Lozier Levee.

The Miles Point Levee had an effective system similar to the Belcher-Lozier Levee team. Soldiers, Airmen, and residents shoveled sand, filled bags and loaded palettes while others used Bobcats to transfer them. Once sandbags arrived, more volunteers were there

"It's great working with the Soldiers and community members," said Master Sgt. Scott Smith, 131st BW aircraft maintenance squadron hydraulic system supervisor. "I hope we're a little sigh of relief for them. We are willing to do whatever we can."

Together, the troops played a major role in keeping the crops, homes, and roads of Carroll County safe.

"It's amazing how we can get so many people here in such a short amount of time," said Troy Hofstetter, the Sheriff Emergency Manage Director for Carroll County and retired Army 1st Sgt. "It's a testament of how willing everyone is to help out and work together.

"Just like all the others days spent out here, today's efforts have been amazing," said Mr. Hofstetter. "The leadership on the Guard's part has been amazing."

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Spirit Friday

A B-2 Spirit, AH-64 Apache helicopter and A-10 Thunderbolt II are scheduled to be on display on November Row (South of base operations on the flightline) from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. today. No clearance is needed; patrons can park near the tower and walk. This is an opportunity to bring family members to see the aircraft. The 509th Security Forces Squadron will be posted for questions regarding procedures. Static displays are weather-permitting and future dates are scheduled, Aug. 5 and Aug. 19. Cameras and cell cameras are not permitted.

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From the Frontlines:

Senior Airman Sarah Gray

By Airman 1st Class Cody H. Ramirez 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

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Senior Airman Sarah Gray, 509th Medical Support Group knowledge operator, left Whiteman in October 2010 for Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, for a six month deployment.

While deployed, the Air Force Global Strike member worked as an IT technician for the Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa. She provided communication support for a Seabee unit who traveled areas of Africa building security, sovereignty and stability in the region.

"My job was to help people in the communications squadron forward deploy, so they could help with computer and communication issues downrange," Airman Gray said.

She said most people arriving at the camp stayed for about a month before being sent downrange for four months. They would then return to camp for the final month of their deployment. Unlike many, Airman Gray stayed on camp for the duration of her deployment.

"Because of the distance between the camp and most of the issues, usually in separate countries, I always had to remote log



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DJIBOUTI, Africa. -- Senior Airman Sarah Gray was deployed to Camp Lemonnier from October 2010 through May. She served as an IT technician for the Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa.

in or explain how to fix it [to the owner]," Airman Gray explained.

The camp was made up of mostly Sailors, with a small amount of Airmen, Marines and Soldiers. Airman Gray said working with the Navy took some getting used to.

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Senior Airman Kyle Miller, 509th Maintenance Squadron B-2 Spirit LO structural maintenance technician, mixes chemicals to produce the top coat for visual purposes here July 8. The LO section maintains the stealth capabilities of the B-2 by repairing the LO coating and internal and external structural hardware.

LO section maintains stealth

Story and Photos by Senior Airman Alexandra M. Boutte 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force Global Strike Command Airmen of the 509th Maintenance Squadron low observable element of the fabrication flight do not design new planes or construct new aircraft for tomorrow.

But the low observable structural maintenance section does make sure the B-2 Spirits here today stay in the air.

"Our mission is to maintain the stealth capabilities of the B-2 by repairing low observation coatings and internal and external structural hardware," said Tech. Sgt. Aaron Dubs, 509th Maintenance Squadron low observation production assistant NCO in charge. "We also maintain the paint coatings on all Aerospace Ground Equipment assigned to Whiteman Air Force Base."

More than 200 personnel, to include Department of Defense civilians, contract civilians, 131st Bomb Wing and 509th Bomb Wing Airmen design, repair, modify and fabricate the B-2 and T-38 Talon aircraft specific parts.

"We inspect and maintain structural equipment for advanced composites

and sheet metal usage," Sergeant Dubs said. "We use core automated maintenance system to document aircraft maintenance."

The LO section uses a variety of tools

to get the job done correctly, including: paint guns, sanding equipment, razor blades, blasting tools, compressed hot air systems and digital measuring systems.

"Our mission is important because the

LO characteristics of the B-2 are the only means of defense this aircraft has during combat missions," Sergeant Dubs said.

The LO section was instrumental

The LO section was instrumental in the successful implementation of munitions during the recent Operation Odyssey Dawn in Libya, according to Sergeant Dubs.

"We strive to maintain the B-2 in a

quick and high-quality manner," said Senior Airman Kyle Miller, 509th MXS LO structural maintenance technician. "I love being able to work on the world's most advanced bomber."

Sergeant Dubs added he is proud to be a part of this technologically advanced weapons system.

The section is also responsible for specific T-38 Talon aircraft parts and for ongoing maintenance of all the static display aircraft throughout base.



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Senior Airman Kyle Miller, 509th Maintenance Squadron B-2 Spirit LO structural maintenance technician, removes the coating on the B-2 here July 8. The LO characteristics of the B-2 are a means of defense this aircraft has during combat missions.



Tech. Sgt. Aaron Dubs, 509th Maintenance Squadron B-2 Spirit low observable production assistance NCO in charge, and Senior Airman Kyle Miller, 509th MXS B-2 LO structural maintenance technician, reviews technical orders before performing routine maintenance here July 8.

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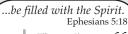
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"It was different working with the Navy and learning their lingo," she added. "They had a different name for everything. We couldn't call a mop a mop, we had to call it a swab, and the bathrooms were called heads."

Airman Gray said her deployed work was similar to that at Whiteman, but the overall mission was different.

"Our mission helped the local people and made a positive impact on their lives," she said. "It was awesome! You got to see the difference you were making."

Work wasn't enough for this Tucson, Az., local. She spent a lot of her deployed time volunteering.

"They had a baby orphanage we visited and often helped," she said. "We also went to a boy's orphanage and spent time with the children. It was funny because these children were running around bare-foot and were only around 10 years-old, but they were beating Sailors and Marines in soccer."

Camp leadership encouraged everyone to go off base, according to Airman Gray. Many of the locals spoke English, but French was their native tongue. Everyone had to travel in groups and make checklists prior to leaving camp.

There were shopping sections, places to eat and even hotels near the camp for servicemembers to spend their free time. Morale welfare recreation trips were taken to keep deployed spirits high.

"I had the chance to swim with whale sharks off the coast of Africa," Airman Gray said. "They were there during their hibernation season and we swam in the water next to them. They were huge and a little scary!"

Airman Gray said assisting a humanitarian mission for her first deployment was a great experience and one she would love to do again.

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The Guard is certainly not lacking in experience, according to Staff Sgt. David McClure, 880th ET supervisor and one of the team leaders. Sergeant McClure said he has been working flood duties since 1983.

"Between everyone out here, we easily have between a combined 60-70 years of experience when dealing with and managing floods," explained Sergeant McClure.

Staff Sgt. Jake Simons, 131st BW Maintenance Squadron B-2 Bomber technician, elaborated on his knowledge fighting floods.

"I grew up on a farm and know exactly how much hard work it takes to maintain one, especially when it floods," said Sergeant Simons. "I know how appreciative the farmers are, and I couldn't be happier to help."

Many Soldiers, Airmen and volunteers Sergeant Simons.

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509th CES paves a walkway to success



Senior Airman Isaac Fifer, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron structure shop technician, packs mortar in an empty slot before placing a brick on the new pathway here July 6. Mortar is essential in brick laying, binding bricks together and drying into a sturdy structure. It is typically made from a mixture of sand, cement and water.



Senior Airman Isaac Fifer, Airman 1st Class Aaron Avila and Mr. Dennis Spear, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron structure shop technicians, work together to level a brick pathway in front of the 509th Bomb Wing building here July 6. Mr. Spear was teaching the Airmen techniques to ensure quality brick work and a lasting product.



An Airman from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron structure shop spreads mortar to lay brick in front of the 509th Bomb Wing Building here July 6. An even spread of mortar is important when laying brick, ensuring a smooth pathway and level surface



Senior Airman Isaac Fifer, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron structure shop technician, lays a brick while completing a new pathway in front of the 509th Bomb Wing building here July 6. Throughout the Midwest seasons, water trapped in between the bricks caused erosion and the surface becomes uneven.

U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Cody H. Ramirez

















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Prior enlisted Airman selected for direct commission

By Staff Sgt. Meiko Schill 131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Second Lieutenant Emily Opfer, 131st Bomb Wing medical group medic, was selected for direct commission as a senior airman, and was promoted to second lieutenant February 2011.

A irect commission officer is a uniformed officer who has received a commisson without the typical prerequisites of receiving commission.

She is scheduled attend to Commissioned Officer Training at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., where she will be taught the characteristics, skills and mindset to become a leader in the Missouri Air National Guard.

"It has been an eye-opening experience going from an enlisted, where I was lower ranking, to a position of supervision," said Lieutenant Opfer. "I've always enjoyed working with people in my unit and I'm glad to have the opportunity to help them out. One of the reasons I commissioned was to be an advocate for my medics; since I was there myself. I realize what types of changes would really make a difference. I'm enjoying the process and am very grateful for this opportunity."

The lieutenant graduated from the Saint Louis University School of Nursing in 2010, but in 2008 decided she didn't want to wait until her nursing degree was complete to join. She enlisted in the Air Force and was assigned to the 131st Bomb Wing in August of that year.

The Missouri Air National Guard was a great way for her to serve and still accomplish her personal educational goals, according to the lieutenant.

"Lieutenant Opfer was chosen above other nurse candidates because of her great work ethic, attitude and excellent civilian credentials," said Master Sergeant Jennifer Kuhl, designated officer recruiter.

"As a fairly new commander to the 131st BW MDG, Lieutenant Opfer stood out immediately," said Col. Joanie Peterson, 131st Bomb Wing MDG commander. "I was instantly impressed with her eagerness to take on projects for group

"The results of her efforts were impressive and her creativeness and energy told me right away she was a person who took initiative and whose dedication to the unit was heart-felt, and not obligatory," the colonel added.

Lt. Col. Susan Walker, 131st BW Medical Group's chief nurse and one of the lieutenant's mentors, said Lieutenant Opfer is relentless about taking care of people, knows her job, and will do anything she can to help.



SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Mo. -- (Then) Airman 1st Class Emily Opfer, 131st Bomb Wing medical group, administers care to a student patient during Medic Training at Sheppard Air Force Base 2008. Lieutenant Opfer, 131st Bomb Wing medical group medic, was selected for direct commission after being a senior airman, and was promoted to second lieutenant February 2011.

Lieutenant Opfer is also fulfilling a family legacy of military service and said her family's heritage played a part in her interest from an early age, and was always intrigued by military medicine.

"I've always had an interest in joining the military, because I wanted to part of something bigger than myself," Lieutenant Opfer said.

Lieutenant Opfer's great Uncle, retired Brig. Gen. Harding Zumwalt, enjoyed a career as a pilot during World War II and was the commander of the 131st Tactical Fighter Wing in St. Louis in the 1970s. His father, retired Capt. Fredrick Zumwalt, was with the 128th Field Artillery Unit of the Missouri National Guard and served in World War I.

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Airman's IDEA earns him \$10K



(Left) Master Sergeant Mikel Petersen, 509th Maintenance Squadron loading standardization crew chief, supervises that the weapon is installed properly. He was a winner of the \$10,000 IDEA program for his proposal to facilitate the installation process.

detonate properly and we couldn't find out where the 'chain had broken.' Finally we identified the problem and didn't have a specific solution," Sergeant Petersen said. "I decided to come up with a simple solution and apply paint to a side of a lanyard to verify it's the right side.

The idea was submitted in May and Sergeant Petersen was informed in June that his idea was invaluable.

"Winning was awesome," he said. "I had always heard of people winning but had never met anyone who actually had. It was great to be one of those people."

Sergeant Petersen said the Air Force savings will be \$548,468.80 a year and the cost to apply the paint will be negligible since they will use resources we already have.

"The change will also save the Air Force hours by not having to re-do a mission or exercise due to failure to place the lanyard properly," Sergeant Petersen said.

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AF Youth Dance Camp Sign Ups ~ Youth Center

Preteens and Teens, sign up to participate in the Air Force Youth Dance Camp scheduled July 25-29. Camp times for preteens is 9 a.m.-Noon and for Teens 2-5 p.m. Cost is \$10 members; \$12 nonmembers. This is a PLAYpass program. For more information, please contact the Youth Center at 687-5586.

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TUESDAY 7/19

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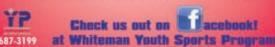
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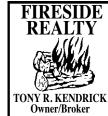




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